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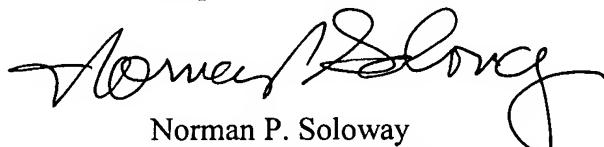
Claims 10 and 35-38 have been cancelled, without prejudice, thus rendering moot the art rejection of those claims.

Turning to the remaining art rejections, independent claims 9, 23 and 24 have been amended to specify that the conductive element comprises a non-conductive portion in which the non-conductive portion is in contact with the stud when the conductive element is disposed on the stud. As so amended, independent claims 9, 23 and 24 include similar limitations to allowed claims 8 and 22. Accordingly, no specific discussion of the remaining art rejections is believed necessary.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,



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